



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 10, 2015, down 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 10, 2015, down 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 10, 2015, down 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 10, 2015, down 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through October 10, 2015 for the United States were 7.05 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,362	28,617	28,526	28,390	27,865	28,328
Arkansas	22,455	22,120	19,978	22,535	21,903	22,325
Delaware	4,755	4,754	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,755
Florida	1,224	1,224	917	1,224	1,190	1,225
Georgia	32,933	32,700	32,001	32,564	32,105	31,033
Kentucky	8,030	8,189	6,421	7,867	7,268	7,676
Louisiana	3,552	3,954	3,954	3,651	3,340	3,617
Maryland	7,801	7,372	7,455	7,958	7,278	7,160
Mississippi	16,414	17,419	16,164	16,890	15,445	16,378
Missouri	8,178	8,185	7,528	8,017	7,823	8,325
North Carolina	19,098	18,154	18,137	20,088	19,074	17,882
Oklahoma	6,248	6,668	4,987	6,815	6,128	6,318
Pennsylvania	4,689	4,816	4,768	3,903	4,644	4,603
South Carolina	5,212	5,235	5,860	5,712	5,527	5,409
Texas	13,979	14,443	13,834	13,444	13,546	13,979
Virginia	6,408	6,007	6,000	6,319	6,094	6,140
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,345	9,612	9,214	11,746	11,113	11,336
19 State total	200,683	199,469	190,499	201,878	195,098	196,489
Percent of previous year	99	99	96	100	100	98
Other States	7,909	7,917	7,801	7,276	7,621	7,683
United States	208,592	207,386	198,300	209,154	202,719	204,172
Percent of previous year	99	99	96	100	100	98

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2015

State	Week ending					
	September 5, 2015	September 12, 2015	September 19, 2015	September 26, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 10, 2015
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,083	19,928	21,904	20,671	21,228	20,574
Arkansas	19,493	21,033	20,703	20,025	20,112	17,816
Delaware	4,647	4,999	4,935	4,871	5,161	6,471
Florida	1,469	1,141	1,107	1,236	1,138	907
Georgia	26,819	27,974	27,076	26,684	26,938	26,528
Kentucky	7,110	5,845	6,204	6,555	6,265	5,410
Louisiana	3,309	3,363	3,393	3,151	3,502	3,512
Maryland	6,958	6,496	6,413	5,803	5,535	4,047
Mississippi	14,613	14,702	14,412	13,704	14,642	13,538
Missouri	6,088	5,903	5,290	6,232	6,306	6,065
North Carolina	16,612	16,955	15,741	15,366	14,579	14,996
Oklahoma	4,469	3,865	4,720	4,210	4,082	2,314
Pennsylvania	4,000	3,861	3,998	3,751	4,115	3,937
South Carolina	4,887	4,319	4,835	5,128	5,337	5,121
Texas	12,531	11,825	11,973	11,283	11,853	11,426
Virginia	4,978	5,212	5,391	5,847	4,886	5,498
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,891	10,552	10,206	10,101	8,851	7,967
19 State total	168,957	167,973	168,301	164,618	164,530	156,127
Percent of previous year	100	99	101	100	100	96
Other States	6,311	6,703	6,610	6,811	6,525	5,980
United States	175,268	174,676	174,911	171,429	171,055	162,107
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	100	101	96

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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